

Comments from Informational Public Meeting
November 21, 2011

- 1 Ms. Katie Patterson, San Joaquin County Farm Bureau, felt that the Negative Declaration (ND) was not adequate for the boundary realignment.

I explained that the boundary realignment could have been processed under and exemption, but to provide higher level of transparency the ND was used. I explained that in other jurisdictions similar changes have been processed as exemptions. I gave credit to Mr. Basso and his staff for agreeing to the ND process.

- 2 Ms. Patterson had questions regarding the well permit process.

I explained the process for a well installation is a ministerial act and that as long as the well construction conformed to the San Joaquin County (SJC) development code, and the Environmental Health Department's (EHD) well standards that a permit could be issued for the installation of the wells. I also explained that other sites in SJC have followed this process for the installation of perimeter gas wells.

- 3 Ms. Patterson had a question regarding the additional ten days and the need for them.

I explained that the project was originally approved for a 7 days / week operation (on a local level), but that Mr. Basso through negotiation with a CIWMB board member agreed to reduce the number of operating Sundays to 10 / year (on a state level). I explained that until this year Forward Inc did not operate on Sunday. This year due to the RWQCB's not allowing Forward Inc. to use the spread and disc site that they were forced to use the option to operate on Sundays. Forward Inc was able to process the waste and the business in the county. It was during this instance that the EHD staff and the Forward Inc. personnel noticed that ten days would not be adequate. The revision of the permit seemed logical.

- 4 The La Forges commented about odors.

I explained that part of the reason that odors may be more intense was due to the cannery waste being mixed in with the green waste for composting. I asked Michael Kith to speak to the complaint received by the EHD regarding odors. Mr. Kith indicated that there were two changes that the operator was asked to implement:

- 1) Do not turn windrows when it is windy
- 2) Move the cannery waste composting to the west side of the site (further from down wind receptors).

- 5 There was a comment regarding the mud on the road

I explained that the EHD responds to all complaints and that when we have found conditions that needed improving that we asked the operator to make changes. The operator has made changes at the site and the operator does a good job managing the site.